



Board Agenda Background

Date: 1/20/2026
To: Board of County Commissioners
Through: County Manager's Office
From: George Marlin County Commissioner
Subject: Consideration of Adding Additional Regular Board Meeting Days to the Board's Meeting Schedule

BACKGROUND

The Board's workload continues to include complex, multi-jurisdictional, and time-sensitive matters that at times exceed the capacity of regularly scheduled meetings. Recent agendas have demonstrated the need for additional deliberative time, particularly for policy discussions, regional coordination issues, and matters that may require executive session.

Currently, when agendas run long or additional discussion is needed, staff must coordinate ad hoc meetings, which can be challenging given commissioner, staff, and partner availability.

ANALYSIS

Establishing a calendar hold, rather than a standing meeting, would preserve flexibility while minimizing disruption. The proposed approach would:

- Create predictable availability for extended work sessions when needed
- Reduce the need for last-minute scheduling changes
- Allow for efficient transition from the Mayors and Commissioners Meeting since commissioners are already on the west side of the county.
- Provide appropriate time for executive sessions when warranted, without compressing regular agendas

The hold would only be used when necessary and would not require public notice unless activated as a meeting.

CONCLUSION

A standing afternoon calendar hold following the Mayors and Commissioners Meeting would give the Board additional capacity without committing to more meetings than necessary. A work session will allow the Board to discuss the approach, frequency, and any parameters for use.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact. Any additional staff time would be absorbed within existing resources.

ATTACHMENTS:

None